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1. PROVIDED BELOW IS TEXT OF JAN. 8 COMMERICAL TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO ME FROM SEYCHELLES' PRIME MINISTER JAMES MANCHAM CONCERNING RETURN TO SEYCHELLES OF BIOT ISLANDS OF ALDABRA, DESROCHES AND FARQUHAR:

"ON THE EVE OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE HAVE HONOUR TO REFER TO OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTION OF OUR ISLANDS DESROCHES, FARQUHAR AND ALDABRA. THIS QUESTION WAS THE SUBJECT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AT OUR LAST MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSEOBLY. WE ARE HOPEFUL YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL USE HER GOOD OFFICES VIS-A-VIS THE UK GOVERNMENT ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WITH A VIEW TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE THE SUCCESS OF WHICH MAY VERY WELL DEPEND ON THAT ISSUE."

2. I HAVE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MANCHAM'S TELEGRAM BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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